

## **A NEW NUMBER FOR AN OLD FRIEND!**

Effective Tuesday, March 27, 2007, the Statesboro Fire Department will have a new business number, 912-764-FIRE (3473). The previous number 912-764-6154 is being transferred to the Statesboro Police Department and will be answered 24/7 by a police department employee.

Several years ago, the fire department transferred its emergency dispatch operations to Bulloch County. In doing so, it eliminated the availability of someone around the clock to answer the fire department's telephone. In the event of a fire all personnel are needed to respond, leaving no one to answer the telephone. As a result, the fire department adjusted its operational practices to facilitate this change; however, the water and gas departments also use this number for after hour and emergency telephone calls. To ensure that someone is available to answer these calls for the gas and water departments, this number (912-764-6154) will now be routed to the police department.

As always, if you have an emergency please call 911. If however, you need to contact the fire department for any other reason please call 764-FIRE (3473).

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